

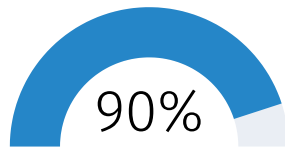


# BC WIL Survey

## Understanding how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted work-integrated learning employers and community partners in BC

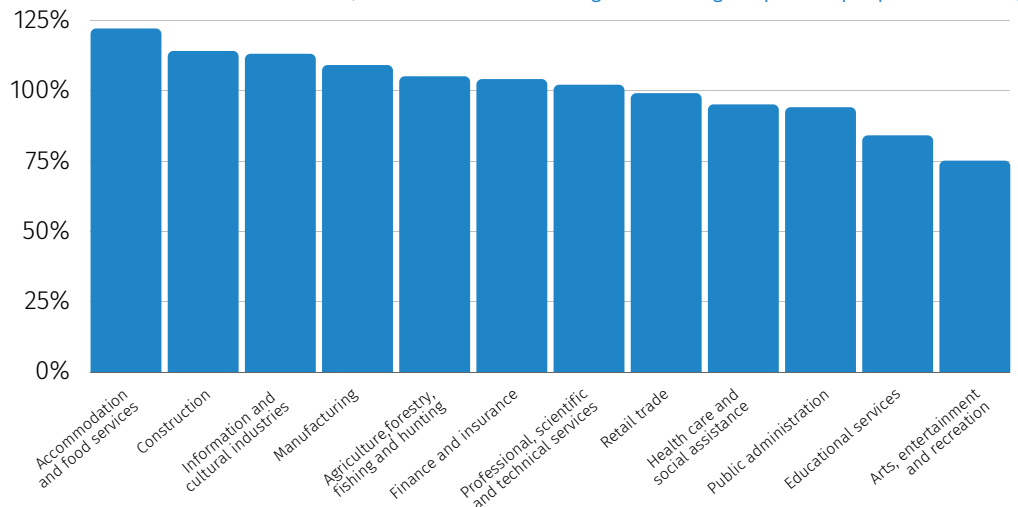
### Executive summary

Between September 2020 and May 2021, the BC WIL Council conducted research to better understand the evolving impacts of COVID-19 with employers and community partners who typically hire students through work-integrated learning (WIL) programs. Overall, survey respondents were confident that the outlook for WIL is positive, with hiring in some industries, regions and types of WIL expected to surpass pre-COVID-19 hiring levels. The results highlight the ways workplaces have mitigated the impacts of the pandemic and the supports they need, which will inform decision making for 2021-2022 initiatives.

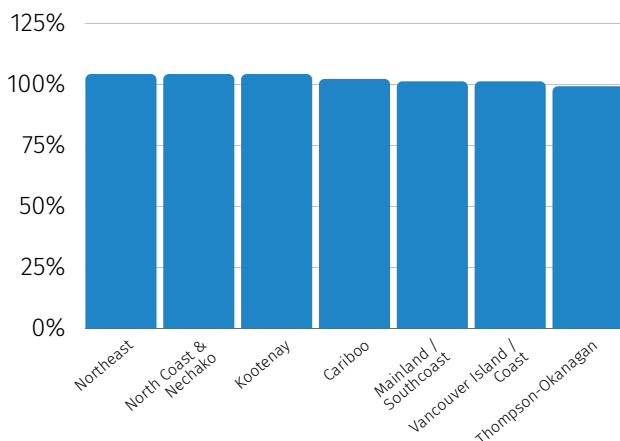


90% of survey respondents agree that the outlook for WIL engagements in their organization is promising.

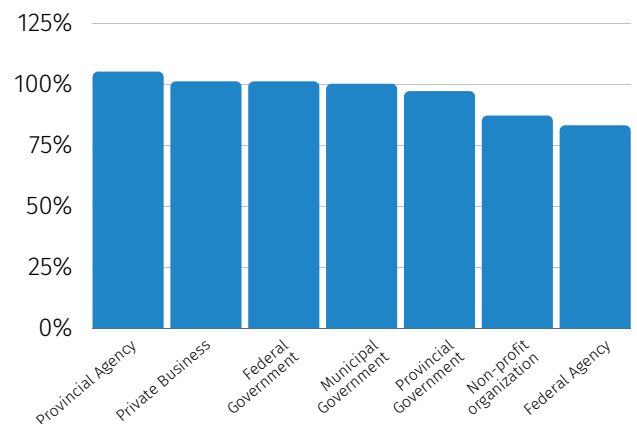
Expected WIL hiring for the next 6 to 12 months, compared to usual WIL hiring, by sector (where 100% means no change in WIL hiring compared to pre-pandemic levels)



Expected WIL hiring for the next 6 to 12 months, compared to usual WIL hiring, by BC region (where 100% means no change in WIL hiring compared to pre-pandemic levels)

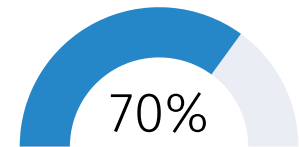
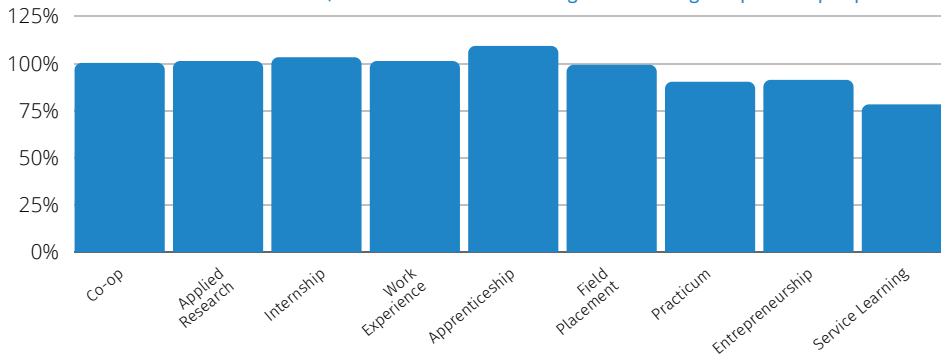


Expected WIL hiring for the next 6 to 12 months, compared to usual WIL hiring, by type of organization (where 100% means no change in WIL hiring compared to pre-pandemic levels)



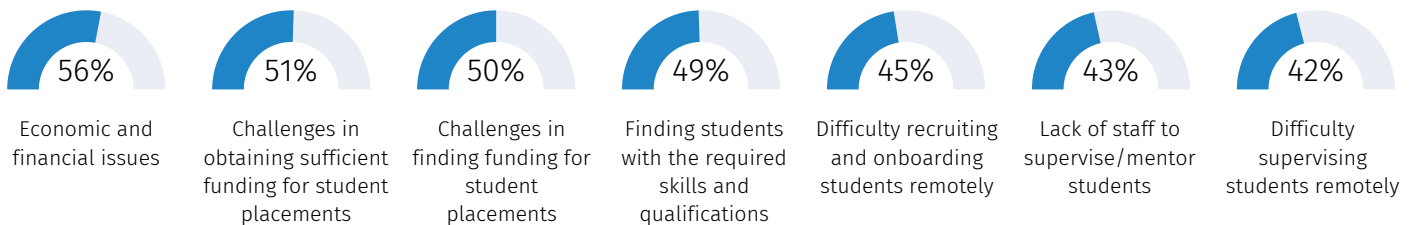
## Demand for WIL types varies

Expected WIL hiring for the next 6 to 12 months, compared to usual WIL hiring, by WIL type  
(where 100% means no change in WIL hiring compared to pre-pandemic levels)

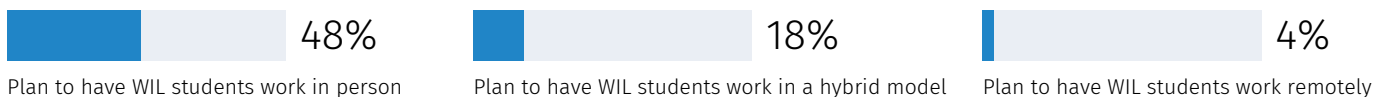


70% of survey respondents offered only paid placements, while 9% offered only unpaid placements and 14% offered both.

## Finances/funding top challenges expected to impact WIL hirings



## In-person work preferred post-pandemic

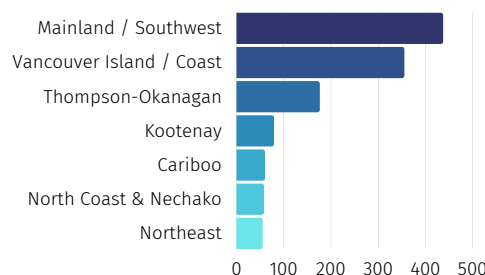


## Survey Respondents

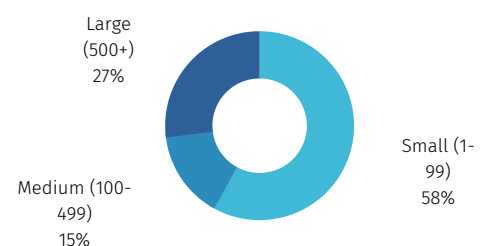
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employers and community partners responded to the Spring 2021 survey.

Respondents by BC region



Respondents by organization size



## Learn more

For key survey results and the full report, visit the ACE-WIL Resource Hub. The BC WIL Council is an independent council of the Association for Co-operative Education and Work-Integrated Learning BC/Yukon (ACE-WIL) and is comprised of one member from each public, post-secondary institution in BC.